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By: **Delegates Bozman and Conway**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law - Terroristic Threats**

3 FOR the purpose of making the expression of certain types of threats a misdemeanor;  
4 making the expression of certain false statements with certain knowledge a  
5 felony; providing certain penalties; and generally relating to the crimes of  
6 making certain threats and certain false statements.

7 BY adding to  
8 Article - Criminal Law  
9 Section 3-709  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2002 Volume)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Criminal Law**

15 3-709.

16 (A) A PERSON MAY NOT:

17 (1) THREATEN TO COMMIT ANY CRIME LIKELY TO RESULT IN DEATH OR  
18 IN SERIOUS INJURY TO PERSON OR PROPERTY; OR

19 (2) MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT:

20 (I) KNOWING THAT THE STATEMENT IS LIKELY TO CAUSE  
21 EVACUATION OF A BUILDING, PLACE OF ASSEMBLY, OR FACILITY OF PUBLIC  
22 TRANSPORTATION;

23 (II) KNOWING THAT THE STATEMENT IS LIKELY TO CAUSE  
24 SERIOUS INCONVENIENCE; OR

25 (III) IN RECKLESS DISREGARD OF THE RISK OF CAUSING TERROR OR  
26 SERIOUS INCONVENIENCE.

1 (B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY  
2 OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT  
3 EXCEEDING 5 YEARS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR BOTH.

4 (C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (A)(2) OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY  
5 OF A FELONY AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING  
6 10 YEARS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000 OR BOTH.

7 (D) A SENTENCE IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO  
8 ANY OTHER SENTENCE IMPOSED FOR A CONVICTION ARISING FROM THE SAME  
9 FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES, UNLESS THE EVIDENCE REQUIRED TO PROVE EACH  
10 CRIME IS SUBSTANTIALLY IDENTICAL.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2003.